

JUNE 13, 2001

GRAND ISLE WATER DEPARTMENT
Revision to Terms and Conditions

ORDER APPROVING
TERMS & CONDITIONS
AND EXEMPTION FROM
CHAPTER 86, § 7(B)

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY

The Commission approves the Grand Isle Water Department (Department) Terms and Conditions and grants an exemption (from Chapter 86, § 7(B)) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

BACKGROUND AND DECISION

On April 9, 2001, the Department filed with the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 307, proposed revisions to its schedule of Terms and Conditions consisting of Pages 1 through 6, all Original. The revisions were proposed to become effective on May 9, 2001.

The effective date of the proposed Terms and Conditions was suspended for three months (from and including May 9, 2001) by Suspension Order No. 1, dated May 8, 2001, unless otherwise ordered.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions with the Department and suggested several minor changes. The Department subsequently filed, on May 25, 2001, further revisions to the proposed schedule of terms and conditions.

We have now reviewed the revised Terms and Conditions and find them to be acceptable. We note, however, that the proposed revision includes a \$10.00 collection trip fee which, although acceptable, is inconsistent with the \$5.00 limit established in § 7(B) of Chapter 86 of the Commission's Rules, Disconnection and Deposit Regulations for Non-Residential Utility Service. We agree that the collection trip fee for residential and non-residential customers should be consistent, and will grant the Department an exemption from 65-407 CMR 86.7(B)

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Grand Isle Water Department is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86 § 7(B), that will allow the Department to collect a \$10.00 collection trip fee from non-residential customers;
2. That Suspension Order No. 1, issued May 8, 2001, is hereby lifted; and
3. That the Grand Isle Water Department schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Pages 1 through 6 – all First Revision, filed on May 25, 2001, is hereby approved to become effective for service rendered on or after June 11, 2001.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 13 day of June 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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